

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO ENTREPRENEURES OF ASSAM
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of applications for financial aid from Assam entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, for aid from National Scheduled Castes Financial Development Corporation have been pending for months together;
- (b) if so, the number of such applications pending for over 12 months, 6 months and 3 months respectively;
- (c) the main hurdles in clearance of these applications; and
- (d) the steps taken for expediting grant to these entrepreneurs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. Only three applications are pending of which one is pending for over three months and one is pending for over six months and the 3rd is pending for over three months. The Assam State Development Corporation for Scheduled Castes Ltd. (ASCDC) even after reminders has not made available the information asked for by the National Scheduled Castes Financial Development Corporation (NSFDC) irrespective of the applications pending for over six months and over twelve months. ASCDC has also not furnished the State Government guarantee to NSFDC which is required to enable NSFDC to release its share for financial assistance to the entrepreneurs from Assam.